figures for the last two years are given below :—

Name of drugs/company	A/C Unit	Production 1986-87	Production 1987-88
Diloxaride Furoate			
1. Unique Chem.	T	0.32	..
2. Boots (I) Ltd.		8.54	5.95
Ibuprofen			
1. Boots (I) Ltd.	T	63.31	79.4
2. Glindia Ltd.		12.92	8.53
3. CIPLA		20.72	3.62
4. Stardard Organics		0.65	..
5. Metroni Drugs		..	0.11

(d) to (g) Import Policy for drugs is determined in consideration of factors like capacity, demand, availability, technology constraints etc.

Flaring of Gas

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SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY :
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantum of gas that flared from different fields and refineries per annum as at the end of 6th Plan and what percentage does it constitute of the total gas produced ;

(b) what steps have been taken to minimise the same and to utilise this gas ; and

(c) what is the latest per annum quantity and percentage of such flared gas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) During 1984-85, the terminal year of the Sixth Plan, a quantity of about 3052 million cubic metres of natural gas was flared ; this constituted about 42% of the total production of natural gas.

(b) Following steps have been taken to reduce flaring :

(i) Compression facilities have been augmented and are proposed to be augmented further.

(ii) fall-back consumers are being encouraged so that they can take the gas when the regular consumers fail to do so. 15% discount on the basic price of gas for the fall-back consumers is available.

(iii) Additional consumers have been developed to improve the low offtake caused by low/delayed offtake of committed consumers.

(c) During 1988-89, the quantity of gas flared was 3880 million cubic metres which is about 29% of the total production.